

1. A method for parametrizing the greeting message of a voice mailbox characterized in that it comprises the following steps:

a user records a greeting message at a terminal,  
the greeting message is compressed at the terminal,  
a multimedia message comprising the compressed greeting message is produced at the terminal,

the multimedia message comprises an instruction field to indicate that it is a greeting message,

the multimedia message is sent from the terminal to a greeting message server.

2. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the multimedia message is formatted according to an XML type message.

3. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the multimedia message comprises a field identifying the user producing the greeting message.

4. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the multimedia message comprises a piece of format information for the greeting message.

5. A method for the parametrizing of the greeting message of a voice mailbox, characterized in that the method comprises the following steps:

an instruction field, indicating the fact that the multimedia message is a message for updating the greeting message, is received at a greeting message server,

the sender of the multimedia message is determined at the greeting message server,

the greeting message is extracted from the greeting message server,

the greeting message is recorded in a database in being made to correspond, in the database, to the sender of the multimedia message.

6. A method according to claim 5, characterized in that the greeting message is transcoded, before recording, as a function of the format used by the greeting message server and as a function of a piece of information on format included in the multimedia message.

7. A method according to claim 5, characterized in that:

- a user gets connected, through a terminal, to a voice mail service of a voice mail server,

- a request is sent from the voice mail server to the greeting message server, the request comprising a called user identifier,

- the greeting message in the database corresponding to the called user identifier is sent, from the greeting message server and to the voice mail server,

- the greeting message is sent from the voice mail server and to the terminal,

- the greeting message is sent out acoustically to the terminal.

8. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the terminal is a mobile telephone.

9. A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the terminal is a computer.